GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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SCAM IN MTPP .
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a private agency is supplying coal to Mejia Thermal Power Project since long;

(b) if so, whether some coal loaded trucks were seized by Gangail Ghati P.S. in West Bengal due to black stone load in lieu of coal;

(c) if so, whether the truck owner is the executive member of Durgapur truck owner`s association;

(d) the time by which the nexus among the agency truck-owner and the management of M.T.P.S. are going on; and

(e) the steps already taken or likely to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER(SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : Coal is purchased by DVC from Coal India Ltd.However, transportation ofcoal to Mejia Thermal Power Station is being done mainly by Railways and only a small percentage is transported by four road transporters.

(b) to (d) : On 2.2.2002, a truck deployed by one of the transporters − M/s. UnitedCoal Carrier − was detected carrying coal of inferior quality by CISF and the matter hassince been referred to the Gangajalghanti Police Station.On the basis of the preliminary report, M/s. United Coal Carriers have been suspended since 15.2.2002.The District Administration have been asked to expedite the police investigation, DVC has also commissioned a separate enquiry in the matter.

(e) : The DVC management will take appropriate remedial measures based on findings in the enquiry report.